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SUBJECT: A. E. SMITH SPEECH

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WILL CONTAIN MY
REDRAFT OF THE SMITH SPEECH I RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

2. YOU WILL NOTE THAT I HAVE TRIED TO SHORTEN YOUR
VERSION AND HAVE TO SOME DEGREE REORGANIZED IT. IT IS
MY FEELING THAT THE SPEECH NOW RUNS THE RISK OF BECOMING
TOO LONG, WHICH, GIVEN THE OTHER EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR
FOR THAT EVENING, MAY WELL MEAN THAT YOU WILL LOSE
YOUR AUDIENCE. FURTHER, I FEEL THERE WAS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS
ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST AND TOO MUCH DETAIL ON THE
"UNPRECEDENTED AGENDA" WE NOW FACE (THE AGENDA THEME IS
BEGINNING TO BE A BIT SHOPWORN).

3. ALSO, WHILE THE THEME OF CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA RE-
MAINED, I THOUGHT IT HAD BECOME A BIT DIFFUSED. THERE
WAS A TONE OF DEFENSIVENESS AS WELL.

4. I KNOW I AM NOW A DRAFT BEHIND BUT HOPE THAT WHAT I
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HAVE SENT YOU CORRECTS WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE FAULTS

DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WILL BE OF USE TO YOU AS YOU WORK
OVER YOUR NEXT DRAFT. MY MOST URGENT PIECE OF ADVICE IS
TO KEEP THE SPEECH TO ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THE THEME
FOCUSSED. INGERSOLL

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